



# BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL *Record*

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

One cannot help but be impressed by the skill demonstrated by the men who are busily engaged in constructing the new Beth Israel Hospital. One must pay homage to the vision of those men and women of the community who for many years have planned this expanded program of hospital care.

The Yamins Research Laboratory adjacent to the Out Patient Department, will provide the very latest in architecture and scientific equipment for the Medical and Surgical Research Departments.

To the right of the hospital entrance the new addition to the main building is well under way. The Women's Auxiliary, in their usual manner, have redeemed their pledge to provide the necessary funds for a 70 bed obstetrical service. Other generous contributions have made possible additional facilities consisting of 67 private medical and surgical beds and a pediatric service of 31 beds.

To the rear of the hospital an additional service building is being constructed. This will house a new and enlarged operating room, a cafeteria, kitchen, central supply room, storeroom and pharmacy. All of this, coupled with alterations to the present structure, will result in a hospital that will provide the facilities to relieve the tremendous demand for service.

## GREETINGS

The administration most cordially extends its congratulations and good wishes to the members of the editorial staff on their assumption of responsibility for the publication of the *Beth Israel Hospital Record*. The *Record* will be published quarterly and will be written for all employees, staff members and friends of the Beth Israel Hospital. It will be in every sense a hospital paper, since it will be written, edited and printed at the Beth Israel. The formulation of this news bulletin is in keeping with a similar practice in a number of other hospitals and is a valuable organ for disseminating information, ideas, suggestions and other newsworthy material to members of the hospital family and their friends. The editorial staff may be assured of the hearty co-operation of every department head and others who will be happy to work with the *Record* to the end that the publication may be truly representative of our institution. I am content that this will prove to be an excellent house organ and that the efforts of those entrusted with its publication will be well received. Linked up with the success of the *Record* will be the interest and co-operation of its readers, who will be encouraged to contribute timely items, opinions and comments.

## NEW CLINIC OPENS

On March 31, the Neurological Clinic began a special program for the study of Multiple Sclerosis under the direction of Drs. Julius Loman and Leo Alexander. The funds for this study are being donated by the National Multiple Sclerosis Association. This Association is of interest in that the majority of its members are either relatives or friends of persons suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. As a result of this personal interest, it has been possible for a group of lay individuals to accumulate sufficient funds to carry on research in this disease in a great number of places.

Beth Israel has been honored as the first hospital to which money has been given for clinical study of this disease. The problem is being approached from the point of view of changes in blood chemistry in order to determine whether such changes are of significance in the disease and whether blood or its derivatives may be used in the treatment.

Because of the large number of patients with this disease in New England, it has been found necessary to have patients attend the clinic by appointment only. Every attempt, however, is being made to give all applicants appointments as soon as possible so that they may be studied thoroughly.



## DOCTORS' ORDERS

*Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart*, Physician-in-Chief, attended the annual session of the American College of Physicians in San Francisco from April 18th-23rd. He presented a paper entitled 'Clinical Aspects of the Acute Episode in Coronary Disease.' The return trip included a stop in Atlantic City, N.J., to attend a meeting of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. ---*Dr. Mark Lesses*, Director of the Beth Israel Blood Bank, reports that the Jewish War Veterans are building up a reserve of blood to be made available for members of their organization when hospitalized. The blood is being donated both here and at the Red Cross Blood Bank. ---*Dr. Milton Hamolsky* Assistant Medical Resident, became the proud parent of a daughter *Deborah Lynne*, on April 18th. The mother, *Virginia Maglin Hamolsky*, is a graduate of the B.I. School of Nursing, Class of 1943. ---*Dr. Alvin L. Ureles*, a former Surgical House Officer, has recently returned to join the Medical Research Staff.

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## THE RECORD SHOWS

We have a new Medical Resident, *Dr. Ernest Kahn* of Easton, Pa. *Dr. Kahn* is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and a former intern and Assistant Resident at Beth Israel. ---Those delicious cakes, cookies and pies we've been having lately are no mistake. Our new baker, *Albert Johnson*, was formerly with S.S. Pierce Co. and originally trained at the B.I. We welcome his return and hope he will be with us a long time. ---The 'Sidewalk Superintendents Club' is growing rapidly with the warm spring weather. Everyone seems to be interested in the many tricks of the trade, as demonstrated by the Volpe Construction Co. and the Platt Contracting Co. ---*Mrs. Phyllis LaFontaine* (nee Pierce) former Administrative Dietitian, gave birth to a baby boy, *David Pierce*, on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th. ---We wish to welcome *Miss Miriam Kelleher* to the secretarial force. *Miss Kelleher* has recently become *Dr. Wilinsky's* secretary. Before coming to us she was employed by the Yankee Network. We all hope that she will enjoy her work here and we are happy to have her with us. ---On Mar. 17th, *Miss Virginia Lee Young*, the Assistant Administrative Dietitian in the Main Kitchen, became engaged to *Mr. Sidney Thompkins*, of Presque Isle Maine. A summer wedding is planned. ---*Ruth Rosen* of *Dr. Fine's* office and *Natalie Weinrebe* of the Purchasing Office are leaving us shortly as they are expecting visits from the stork. Best of luck to you both! We are sorry to see you go and hope in the future your babies will be born in the Beth Israel Hospital Maternity Unit.

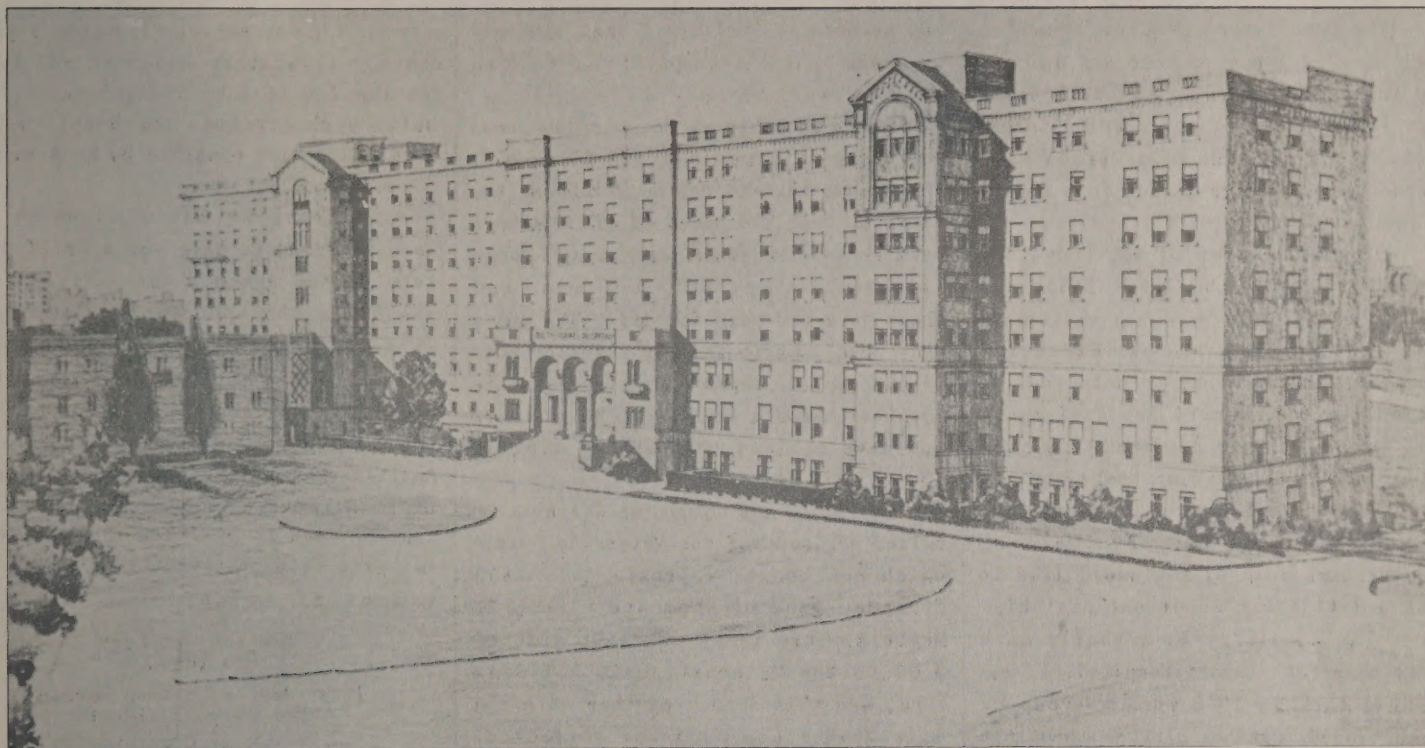
## NURSES NOTES

The student body of the school

is a very eager group and at the present time is carrying great responsibilities. Our hospital is crowded, nurses are scarce and responsibility comes very early to the young student nurse. The nursing profession has a great tradition to uphold and we all hope we may be found worthy. We wish each reader would encourage a fine young girl to join our school. ---The new officers of the Student Nurses Association are: President, *Flora Smith*, Vice president, *Rita Kramer*; Treasurer, *Rachel Odess*; Secy, *Libia Robinson*. ---Officers of the Alumnae Association for 1948 are: *Ruth Schwartz*, President; *Leah Appel*, Vice president; *Eliza Brillard*, Treasurer; *Sylvia Osharow*, Recording Secy; *Hawley Cohen*, Corresponding Secy; *Helene Bernson Goldstein*, Alumnae Representative to the Women's Auxiliary. ---The Beth Israel Hospital Nurses' Alumnae is presenting the Claire Sonis Award to a member of the graduating class who is considered by her classmates and faculty as the typical Beth Israel nurse. This is to be a yearly award. ---The Alumnae Association has set up a scholarship fund to be used for a graduate of the school interested in further study. ---Combined May Meetings of the six alumnae associations in our neighborhood is to be held in the Nurses' Residence of the Beth Israel with our alumnae association as hostess. ---*Ruth Freedman* is our new head nurse on the 8th floor with *Rae Cohen* as her assistant. *Sarah Cohen* is to be the new head nurse on 4B and *Gloria Speck* has been chosen as night supervisor. ---*Ruth Schwartz* recently left the OPD to join the married couples. ---Several staff nurses from various hospitals have joined us recently. We wish them to know they have been a great pleasure and help to all that have met them.



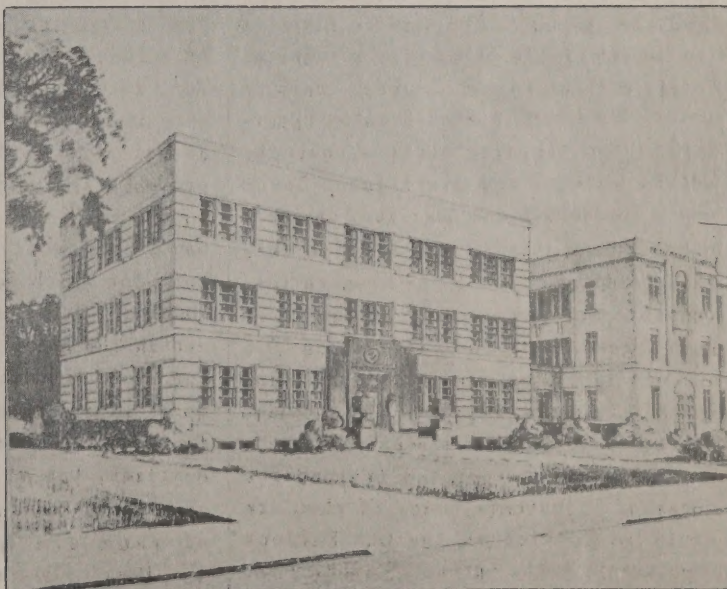
## 25 YEARS OF PROGRESS



THE BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL OF "TOMORROW".



BETH ISRAEL "YESTERDAY"-1925



A SKETCH OF THE NATHAN YAMINS  
RESEARCH LABORATORY.



# Women's Auxiliary News

The Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary is happy to make its initial bow in the *Record*. The Auxiliary feels that it is a part of the hospital organization and as such joins hands with the workers for Beth Israel in a common cause.

Of course, most of you know that our office is on the first floor and that if we can ever be of any assistance, Miss Lillian Aronson, our Executive Secy., is always happy to help you. We would like you to meet her assistant, too, Mrs. Gertrude Fishman. You will often find our President there and she is anxious to know you all, so just introduce yourself and say 'Hello.'

Perhaps some of you would like to hear a little bit about our past history. The Auxiliary is actually much older than Beth Israel Hospital. It was started back in 1908 when a group of women banded together because they felt there was a great need in Boston for a hospital supported by Jewish men and women. They wanted to care for their own and to repay, too, the debt they owed the community for service given to the Jewish people by opening a hospital to all without regard to race, creed or color. They had in mind greater opportunity for training doctors, nurses, social workers and dietitians. These early founders of the Auxiliary inspired other men and women to work for this cause and were in a large measure responsible for the opening of the first Beth Israel Hospital in Roxbury in 1916.

In 1928 when our present building opened its doors, the women had supplied the money to buy the linens and in addition had recruited and trained the corps of volunteers, many of whom are still in service in the Out Patient Department, in the patients' library and in surgical dressings.

The purpose of the Auxiliary as defined in its by-laws is 'to raise funds to aid the hospital and to advance

and promote its welfare.' That literally means that the hospital can call on us for anything.

Our membership is open to any woman who cares to join. Dues are \$5 a year. The bronze tablets on the walls near the elevator bear the names of Life Members. Here we welcome even 'mere man.' These Life Members pay \$100 for dues, and their dues are paid for life. The money they have contributed has paid for most of the capital improvements made in the hospital through the years. We are sure you have noticed the tablets marking these gifts.

In 1947 a new committee was created called 'Friends of the Maternity Unit,' which now boasts approximately 1600 friends, many of whom are also Life Members. This is an outright gift of \$100 to the Maternity Unit Building Fund, and this fund, together with the Life Membership Fund now collected, will be used for the payment of the Maternity Unit in the new building. This is now our big goal and toward this end we have just completed the one big fund raising project we have each year. At a luncheon and fashion show held on Mar. 24th in Mechanics Building, there were in attendance, resplendent in their Easter finery, 3000 women. This was probably the most successful luncheon in the annals of the Women's Auxiliary and it bodes well for both the Maternity Unit for which we are working and the hospital. It bespeaks an intense interest in the hospital and what it stands for. More than that, it points the way to an increased annual membership--the foundation of any organization. The Auxiliary has at present a membership upwards of 5000 women, more than half of whom are Life Members.

Besides its many fund raising activities, the Auxiliary fills other important hospital needs. It provides scholarships for student nurses, recreation for nurses--dances and parties

--books for the nurses' library, a garden for relaxation and rest and recreation for student dietitians. Holiday observances for hospital patients are made possible by an Auxiliary committee.

In this, our introduction to you, we have tried to give you a brief picture of the Women's Auxiliary. As we are given the opportunity, we shall give you a more detailed account of some of our committees; many of them are extremely active throughout the year. The Board of Directors of the Women's Auxiliary includes 17 officers, 34 honorary directors and 73 directors. We feel we cannot, however, make a graceful exit without presenting to you our roster of officers:

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